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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 7, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 7, 2009, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claim now pending.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.